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SUBJECT: FERTILIZER PROCUREMENT FROM US IN FY '75

REF: STATE 104596, NEW DELHI 6581

FOR SCHNEIDER FROM LAINGEN

1. THERE ARE TWO DEVELOPMENTS UNDER WAY THIS WEEK BEARING ON THE FY '75 FERTILIZER PURCHASING SITUATION.

2. FIRST, THE COST OF LIVING COUNCIL IS REPLYING TO AN INQUIRY FROM SENATOR MCGOVERN CONCERNING THE EXPIRY OF THE INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT WITH U.S. FERTILIZER INDUSTRY TO MAXIMIZE DOMESTIC AVAILABILITIES, BY MERELY QUOTING ITS OCTOBER 1973 PRESS RELEASE. THIS IMPLIES A JUNE 30 END TO THE ARRANGEMENT, BUT THE LETTER DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY SO STATE (COPY BEING POUCHED). THE COST OF LIVING COUNCIL HAS NOT RELEASED THE LETTER AND WE UNDERSTAND DOES NOT INTEND
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TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS ISSUE.

3. SECOND, WE ARE PROPOSING THAT COMMERCE SECRETARY DENT WRITE TO THE U.S. FERTILIZER INDUSTRY EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT U.S. PRODUCERS WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE BEST OF THEIR CAPACITY TO THEIR INVITATIONS TO BID ON THE UPCOMING AID FERTILIZER TENDERS.

4. YOU WILL NOTE THAT BOTH THESE INITIATIVES STOP SHORT OF PROVIDING THE INDUSTRY WITH GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO LDC REQUESTS FOR LONG-TERM FERTILIZER CONTRACTS IN FY '75. WE JUDGE THE INDUSTRY'S BEHAVIOR WILL DEPEND IN PART ON WHETHER THE COST OF LIVING COUNCIL MAKES PUBLIC A POSITION ON THE REMOVAL OF RESTRAINTS ON FY '75 EXPORTS, AND AN ASSESSMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES.

5. I WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON THIS. RUSH

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